



## MARENA STUD & RIDING ACADEMY

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### January Newsletter 2009

As with any New Year we all feel great enthusiasm for all good things coming our way that a fresh start will bring.

The New Year Instruction started with a Three Day School on 14<sup>th</sup> January and with a Sport and Rec. Saddle Club morning as well. Lessons are given in the holidays by appointment as required but we will get back to normal times when our pupils go back to School straight after Australia Day.

**Instruction for this Year - OUR AIM is to teach our pupils correctly and safely and make sure everyone has fun.**

Our lessons will commence on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009. When we are back in full swing with regular lessons - it will be great to see you all again, please ring to confirm your lesson time. New pupils are very welcome; everyone is looking forward to meeting you and help you to start your riding.

We are very anxious that all our pupils enjoy their riding and make progress each lesson. Correct training is equally important for the pupils that ride for pleasure as those that compete, you never know what the future holds for you may one day want to compete too. In any case riding correctly will keep you the safest.

We provide suitable Instruction for all levels and all purposes. Tell us your needs and we will tailor a course just for you.

We will have our usual programme for the year with special dates for One, Two and Three Day Schools, Ladies Schools and Show Preparation Days and our "Marena Show" – watch the Website for dates.

Lessons - As usual lessons are on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Ladies - Many Mums wish they had had the opportunity to ride when they were young. It is never too late you know (Dad's too). If you are interested then give it a go, you will be in very experienced hands that will help you to realise your dreams.

The youngest child we have taught was just over 2 years, many start at 3 years, and the oldest adult was 68 years. This was a man who thought it is never too late and there was a lady who had not ridden before, she had had a heart attack and had always wanted to learn to ride. We helped her realise her dream.

Experienced Riders - We are also offering special classes to help experienced riders who are doing competition but have reached a plateau and are not achieving the success they want. Sometimes it is just a little know how and ring-craft that can make all the difference. So tell your friends.

Qualified Instructors - Our Instructors are all highly trained and experienced in all types of riding.

**Lindy Walker**, our Senior Instructor, is one of the most successful riders in Australia. For example, she has competed successfully, not only in the Showring, but in Dressage, Eventing, Showjumping, Sporting, Campdrafting, Western Pleasure and Breed classes in Australia and New Zealand.

Lindy just loves to help people with their horses and riding. She knows the pupils individually and she will be able to help with any query, please ring her for bookings on 0418 433 710, or the home phone 02 4352 1707.

Lindy has been ably assisted by **Leanne Button** for the last couple of years. Leanne wishes to commence another career as a councillor to young people in trouble and will be starting a Taff Course in February. . She will still be working for us part time as her course allows and doing Shows with us including Canberra and Sydney Royals.

Leanne will also work in an independent capacity to ride horses for other people as time allows.

**Mrs Walker**, who, due to ill health, has not been giving lessons for a couple of years, is available for a limited number of lessons

Kristy Nichols, another one of our popular Instructors, moved to Sydney at the end of last year. Hopefully she will visit us regularly as a guest instructor. It will be nice to see Ellie and Anna back at Marena Stud riding too.

We are ably assisted from time to time by past advanced pupils who are now pursuing their various careers or are at University, **Alex Keith, Kier Ferrie**.

**Nikki Mellross** has been a stalwart in the last few weeks helping with the exercising of the show horses and also with the Stud work. Nikki is a very keen pupil and has bought a lovely brown ASH mare at the end of last year. We wish them both luck in the two following weekends. - Our pupils that were there REACHING FOR THE STARS. Good luck to the Marena Team of horses and riders competed at their first show. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

s of the year.

**Canberra Royal** – starts on 23rd February. Bruce, Maureen, Lindy, Luke and Keeley will be setting off for Canberra early that week. Accompanying us will be the Evans Family - Andrea, Gary, Nell and Will as well as Leanne Button, Stacey and Nikki Mellross, Sherine, Shaun, Georgia and Alexia Coffey, Taylor and Sherelee George, Marylou and Maeve Lawson. Sarah and Harriet Hooke live in Canberra so they will not have far to travel. We will be taking 8 horses - Marena Fanfare, Marena Heartbeat, Marena Outback, Marena Amber Flare, Marena Heritage, Marena Macquarie and Morningside Step Along and Sandown Matinee Idol.

**There will be no lessons the week when we are in Canberra. We will not be home until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**Grand National** - Nell Evans won NSW Rider of the Year at the NSW Championships in October 2008. Observers said Nell was a picture of poise and elegance on her lovely dappled grey hack Marena Macquarie and won the NSW title in outstanding style. They will compete in the Grand National Championships in March, 2009 for the National title. We all wish Nellie the best of luck.

**Sydney Royal** - We are taking our usual compliment of horses and pupils and will be leaving for Sydney on Monday, 6th April and will be returning when our classes are finished, date is not available yet.

The holidays are nearly over (boo), but horse riding is starting (hurrah). Hurry back we have missed you.

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

LOVE FROM  
**Lindy and Mrs Walker**

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